

November 7, 2001

**COMPLAINT OF BELLSOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING
THE PRACTICES OF VARTEC TELECOM, INC.,
D/B/A VARTEC TELECOM AND CLEAR CHOICE
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, IN THE
REPORTING OF PERCENT INTERSTATE
USAGE FOR COMPENSATION FOR
JURISDICTIONAL ACCESS SERVICES**

DOCKET NO.
01-00906

ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

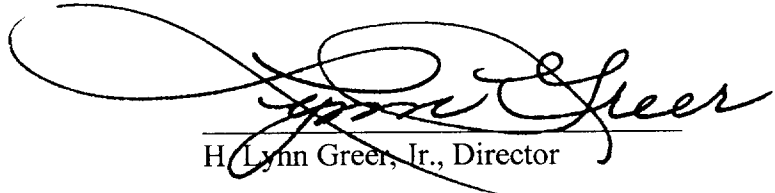
This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority”) at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 23, 2001, for appointment of a Hearing Officer to render a decision on the merits of the *Complaint* filed on October 18, 2001 by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”) against VarTec Telecom, Inc. d/b/a VarTec Telecom and Clear Choice Communications (“VarTec”).

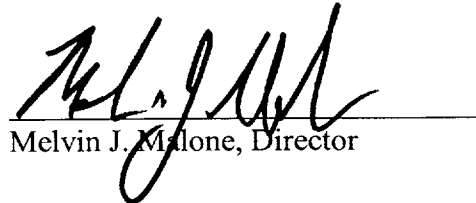
At the above-referenced Authority Conference, the Directors unanimously appointed the General Counsel or his designee to act as Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, as necessary, and to render an initial decision on the merits of the *Complaint*, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other legal authority as may be provided by law. The Directors also ordered that VarTec shall file its response to BellSouth's *Complaint* no later than 2:00 p.m., November 1, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, as necessary, and to render an initial decision on the merits of the *Complaint*, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other legal authority as may be provided by law;
2. VarTec shall file its response to BellSouth's *Complaint* with the Authority no later than 2:00 p.m., November 1, 2001; and
3. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary